

To whom it concerns, When I select the "Submit" button (provided by XM-Radio), I have no idea where this e-mail is really going; FCC? FBI? CIA? XM-Radio?. But my opinion will be the same.

I am a XM-Radio customer. I love it as I travel around the country. Nice to be able to hear National News, talk and sports and commercial free music when I want to. When I want to find out about Local Weather, I tune into a local AM/FM station. When I want to find out about Regional weather OR I need to know about Local weather NOW....I turn on my "L.L. Bean" pocket NWS Weather Radio. That's pretty instant and excellent regional coverage. If I want to hear about general national and regional weather, I tune in XM-Radio channel 125 -The Weather Channel.

I think Satellite Radio should not compete with local Radio Stations for customers and dollars. Yes, Cable (satellite coverage) does provide coverage for a few "Locals" like Chicago and Atlanta, but they are watched only when they show movies that compete with with National Services. Nobody watches the "Locals" for the local coverage.

Now, you've let Satellite TV providers (Direct and Dish) provide "Local" coverage, but there are very strict "qualifiers" for who can get service. That won't work for satellite radio.

That's it folks...if the satellite radio folks want to expand, let them be creative with more extra pay channels...like Play Boy. Let them have more channels only if they compress the extra "pay channels" providing both security and economy of the airwaves.

This has nothing to do with "free speech" or amendment rights....They forget that AM/FM radio is free to us citizens...not a subscription service. The rules should not be the same.

"That's all folks"....

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